



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GVPL Central Branch, 735 Broughton Street
Community Meeting Room & MS Teams
June 24, 2025

A hybrid meeting of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board was held on the above date. The following individuals were in attendance:

Board Members:

Trustee A. Appleton
Trustee K. Boehnert
Trustee D. Cavens (Vice Chair)
Trustee S. Donaldson
Trustee D. Grove
Trustee R. Henderson
Trustee S. Kim
Trustee S. Lansdowne
Trustee R. McClure
Trustee M. Morley
Trustee T. Phelps Bondaroff
Trustee R. Ranjan
Trustee K. Roessingh
Trustee R. Stromberg
Trustee N. White

Regrets

Trustee S. Khair (Chair)
Trustee G. Lemon
Trustee G. Newton
Trustee M. Wey

Staff:

M. Sawa, CEO/Board Secretary
M. Barnes, Assistant Director, Finance
D Fergusson-Hirmer, Director, People & Culture
D. Wood, Executive Director, Library Services
A. Shojaei, Assistant Director, Safety, Security, Facilities and Risk Management
E. Russell, Recording Secretary
R. Baugniet President, CUPE 410

1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Cavens called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D. Cavens provided the Indigenous Acknowledgement.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Vice-Chair welcomed and introduced Daylin Fergusson-Hirmer, GVPL's new Director, People and Culture Director, and Stephanie Marston, Library Services Librarian.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Roessingh seconded by Trustee Appleton,

THAT items 4.1 & 4.2 be approved, items 4.3 to 4.5 be received for information.

4.1 Approval of Agenda

4.2 Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2025

4.3 CEO Report

4.4 Correspondence from Patron

MOTION CARRIED

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

D. Cavens thanked trustees for their contributions to the board and committees in the first part of the year. He noted that advocacy efforts continue to encourage the provincial government to review and increase provincial funding for public libraries. As part of these ongoing efforts, a GVPL and the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board chairs have co-authored a letter to the Select Budget Committee

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Planning and Policy Committee

Committee Chair, N. White reviewed the workplan for Planning and Policy Committee over the summer, which includes a review of the three policies that have been identified as priority for updating. It is expected that revisions to these policies will be completed and presented to the Board for approval in the fall.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. BC Summer Reading Club 2025

M. Sawa introduced Library Services Librarian, Stephanie Marston who gave a presentation on this year's B.C. Summer Reading Club Program and responded to trustees' questions regarding the impact of the program.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

September 16, 2025; 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Kim, Seconded by Trustee Appleton

THAT the June 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary